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## WELCOME TO LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2018!

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# An insider's guide to Lexington High School

**Block Schedule**

The different blocks rotate so that the order of classes is different every day. There is really no pattern to this, but you will soon be able to memorize it.

Additionally, class ending times change every day. Generally, blocks are 50 minutes on Mondays and Fridays, 55 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 55 or 60 minutes on Wednesdays. On a given day, certain blocks can be shorter or longer than others.

**Z Block**

Z Block is a 30-minute period after school where you have the opportunity to meet with teachers, catch up on homework, hang out with friends and so on before beginning your after school activities.

Unfortunately, Z Block often exists in name only and you might find yourself rushing from your last class to your after-school activity.

**Bus Schedules**

The buses leave immediately after school (at the latest 2:35), and it can be difficult to make them. Another option is the Lexpress. Depending on what route you want to take, the time will change. Check the Lexpress website for the most accurate information. METCO late buses leave at 4:40 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 6:00 everyday for athletes.

**Meeting with teachers**

This is usually pretty simple – figure out a time when you both are free, whether that is during Z Block, before school or during one of your studies.

**Getting passes**

If you want to visit the library or a teacher during your study, your teacher must write you a pass and sign it. For the first semester, you must go to your study at the start of the block and get the study teacher to sign the pass. If you are going to the library, they will hold your pass and stamp it when you leave. You can either bring back the pass to your study teacher or dean's secretary.

From second semester on, you can go directly to your destination, but you must return the pass at the end of the block. If you are going to the library, this makes it easier to get a computer.

**Food**

Depending on the day, lunch lines can get extremely long. The earlier you can there, the better. Additionally, Commons I and II serve the same food, but the lines at Commons II are usually significantly shorter. Once you get your food, eat outside, while the good weather lasts!

Snacking in classes depends on your teacher, and any food allergies your classmates may have, so it's better to check. Just don't break out an extensive 16-course meal or anything particularly malodorous.

**Meeting/Study places**

Generally, after school, the school library is a good place to study, do homework or work on group projects. And just down the street, the Cary Library provides another excellent venue.

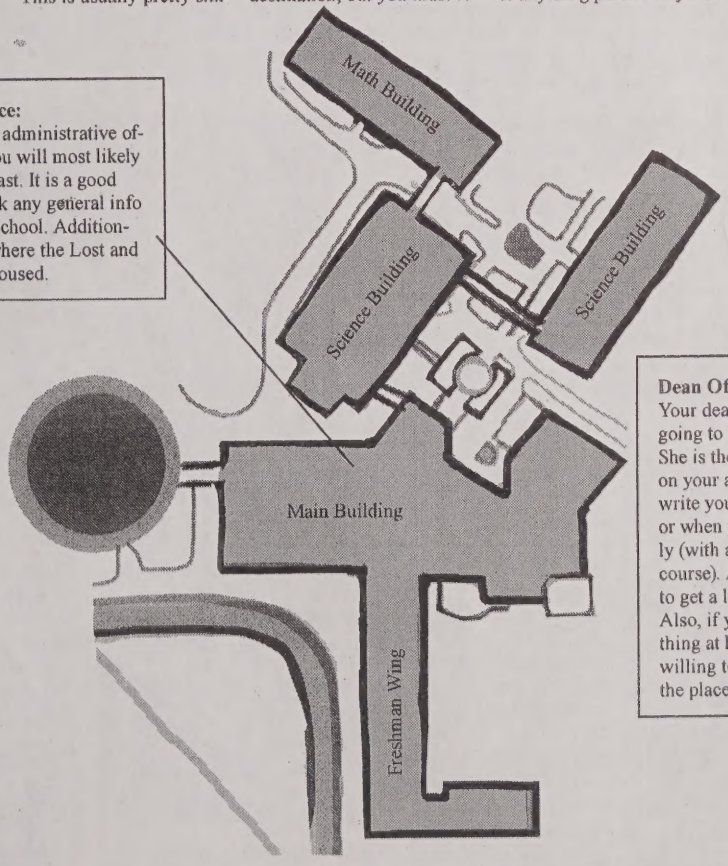
Additionally, you might be able to work on group projects in your teacher's classroom after school.

**The Quad**

This is the area in the center of the four buildings. Students often eat lunch here (when the weather is nice) and hang out with friends after school.

Fun Fact: If you stand and talk in the center of the Quad, you can hear an echo!

**Main Office:**
This is the administrative office that you will most likely visit the least. It is a good place to ask any general info about the school. Additionally, it is where the Lost and Found is housed.




**Counselor Offices (in every building):**
This is place to go if you have conflicts in your schedule, you're looking for some advice or you just need someone to talk to. Later on in your high school career, your counselor is your go-to person for college advice. If you ever have any issues or concerns, your counselor will be there for you.

**Dean Offices (in every building):**
Your dean's secretary is most likely going to become your new best friend. She is the one who will look at errors on your attendance reports. She will write you passes when you are late, or when you have to leave a class early (with a note from your parents, of course). Additionally, this is the place to get a locker, if you should want one. Also, if you should ever forget something at home, and your parents are willing to drop it off for you, this is the place to go.

Questions? Comments? Email us at musketnews@gmail.com

# Upcoming events

Freshmen Parent Night – Sept. 10
Picture Day – Sept. 10
1/2 Day (11:15 Dismissal) – Sept. 11
Activities Fair – Sept. 26
Back to School Night – Oct. 1
Senate and Class Council Elections – Coming Soon

# Activities fair guide

Starcraft? Yep. Economics? Of course. Ping Pong? Absolutely. Gender and sexuality? Definitely. Meditation? Sure thing. Got an interest? Lexington High School has a club for that.

The Activities Fair on Sept. 26 will be your introduction to the vibrant world of LHS extracurriculars. Clubs are a major part of LHS life and a great way for you to get engaged and make connections.

At the Activities Fair, representatives from LHS's 90-plus clubs will take over the quad to promote their groups. It's always a fun atmosphere – music, juggling, and more – but it's also a big opportunity.

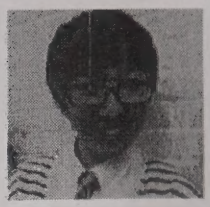
When you're at the fair, look carefully at the multitude of poster boards, and consider: Is there a passion (other than free candy) calling out to you? Is there something you've always wanted to try?

If so, sign up. This is a golden opportunity to get involved and experience all that LHS clubs have to offer.

# Freshman moments

"I remeber wandering around...for my Spanish room but after a few loops around the second floor I still couldn't find it!" –Gabrielle Varallo, class of 2015

"I couldn't seem to remember where my class was...Finally a freshman stopped...and pointed me toward my class. The weird part is that I was a senior. Even seniors get lost." –Emily Greene, class of 2014



"I remember walking into the wrong room for math class. I sat down, realized my mistake, and awkwardly left with a smile." –MinKyu Kim, class of 2015

"You might walk in the first day thinking you know who you are, but you'll definitely walk out the last day believing otherwise...I learned my freshman year... that change is one of the few inevitable benefits of life." –Jen Potluri, class of 2015

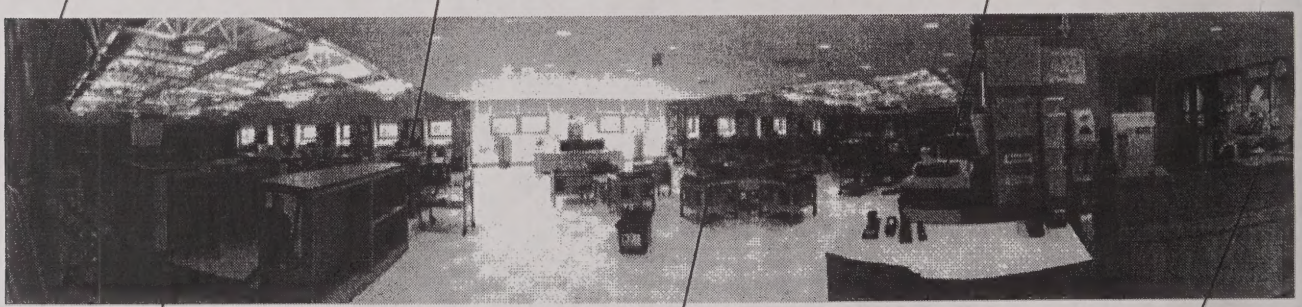
Photos courtesy of Emily Greene, MinKyu Kim, Gabrielle Varallo and Jen Potluri.

# How to navigate the Lexington High School library

This door leads to the Library Media Center, where you will be spending most of your time, during the Freshman Research Project.

Computers like these are dispersed around the library. There is usually a high demand, especially during lunch blocks, so get there early. If all the computers are taken, there will sometimes be laptops available to use.

Printing is free for only the first 10 pages you print each day, after which it costs 10 cents a page. Copying will cost you 10 cents a page, with no free pages.

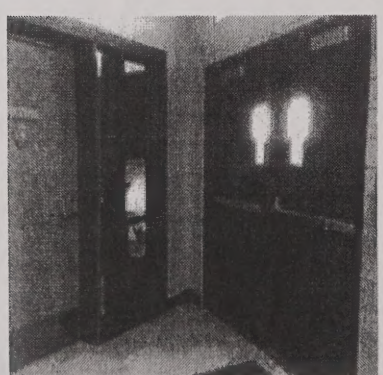


The "10 Minute" computers.

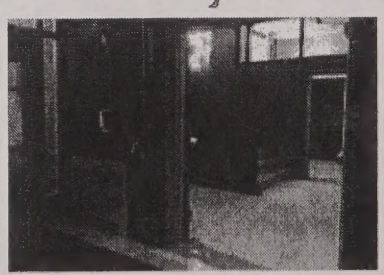
These chairs are great for going to the library with friends, or for taking a nap. To the right and left are desks for studying purposes.

This is where you leave your passes at the beginning of the block and have them stamped at the end of the block.

# Three shortcuts that will allow you to evade the traffic



These doors are located across from the nurse's office, which is next to the entrance to the girls' locker room. These doors provide quick access to the Science Building, through the Zen garden.



Through this doorway, next to the double doors, is a door that leads out to the Quad. Go up the stairs for unfettered access to the art wing.

Use your discretion on this one– it is not always the shortest route. If there is a lot of traffic in the main hall, take the doors at the end of the freshman wing and walk around to get to your classes in another building (the closest would be the Foreign Language Building).